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SUBJECT: CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RULING - DARIEN
GAP HIGHWAY

1. ON MARCH 14 THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS FOR
THE DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA REVERSED THE RULING OF
THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL
INJUNCTION AGAINST CONSTRUCTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN
HIGHWAY IN PANAMA.

2. FUTURE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN COLOMBIA MUST
AWAIT THE USDA'S CERTIFICATION IN DISTRICT COURT
"THAT AN EFFECTIVE AFTOSA PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED
IN THAT COUNTRY."
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3. THIS WEEK IN BUDGET HEARINGS, THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (DOT) IS ASKING FOR A $20 MILLION
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 78 AND $20 MILLION
FOR FY 79. NEITHER OF THESE APPROPRIATIONS WOULD
FUND ANY WORK BEYOND YAVIZA. (OF TOTAL AUTHORIZATION
OF $100 MILLION, $56.6 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT.

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SHOULD THE FY 78 SUPPLEMENTAL AND FY 79 APPROPRIATION

BE MADE, $6.4 MILLION WILL REMAIN AUTHORIZED BUT
UNAPPROPRIATED.)

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING THE TEXT OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT RULING. THE DOT DOES NOT EXPECT
PLAINTIFFS (SIERRA CLUB, ET.AL.) TO APPEAL. VANCE

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